

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1586

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Cyrus Jones for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Cyrus Jones is one such individual, who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland; Mr. Jones's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Cyrus Jones has achieved academic success while majoring in political science with a minor in political and civic engagement and business administration and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, during his collegiate career, he participated in the Lawyers' Committee's Participatory Redistricting Project, through which he learned and gave testimony about the redistricting and mapmaking process; and

WHEREAS, a recipient of the Jane Henegar Duke Memorial Scholarship, Mr. Jones has been named to the Dean's List for six semesters; he maintains a 3.8 grade point average and will graduate with *magna cum laude* honors in May 2022; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Cyrus Jones is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his mother, Celeste Jones, and his brother, Devin Meneese; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Mr. Jones brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2022 session of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2022 legislative session, Cyrus Jones has excelled in his position, earning the trust and respect of Senator Southerland's office; his attention to detail, critical thinking skills, and problem-solving abilities as a hard-working professional have enabled him to surpass all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Cyrus Jones for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.